

<b>NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS</b>	<b>SERIES 800 INMATE PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>SUPERSEDES: AR 815 (09/09/02)</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS MANUAL</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS 815 INMATE MARRIAGES</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE: 12/17/03</b>

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### **PURPOSE**

To establish guidelines by which inmates may marry pursuant to provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes.

### **AUTHORITY**

NRS 209.131  
NRS 122.020

### **RESPONSIBILITY**

The Warden/Facility Manager is responsible to ensure any inmate is allowed to be married in accordance with this procedure.

All inmates are responsible to comply with this regulation

## **DEFINITIONS**

**BRASS SLIP** – A brass slip is the Inmate Account Transaction Receipt Form, DOC-509, by which inmates can access their individual account in the Prisoner's Personal Property Fund (PPF).

## **APPLICABILITY**

The procedure applies to all inmates incarcerated within the Department.

## **PROCEDURES**

### **815.01 INMATE MARRIAGES**

1.1 All inmates requesting to be married must submit their request in writing to the Chaplain.

1.2 Both parties must be able to demonstrate they are legally free to marry by producing divorce decrees or death certificates, where applicable.

1.3 Both parties must meet with the Chaplain or other designated person and be informed of the inmate's crime, the length of sentence, and the legal ramifications of the marriage.

1.4 The Chaplain or other designated person shall coordinate the staff necessary to perform the ceremony.

1.5 The Warden/Facility Manager may take whatever steps are necessary to ensure the security of the institution.

1.6 All marriages will be performed at the institution/facility in accordance with Nevada Revised Statutes.

1.6.1 The Department Chaplain may perform the marriage at no cost to the inmate or others for this service.

1.6.2 The marriage must be performed by a person licensed or authorized to perform marriages within the State of Nevada.

1.6.3 A marriage license must be purchased in advance of the ceremony.

1.6.4 The inmate shall pay for additional expenses such as special custody coverage in advance. However, if the inmate is unable to pay, the marriage will be allowed to proceed.

1.6.4.1 A brass slip will be signed for the amount, which will be debited against their account.

1.6.4.2 Failure to sign a brass slip constitutes refusal to marry by the inmate.

1.7 The inmate involved in the marriage ceremony will be allowed to exchange wedding bands with the other party.

1.7.1 After the ceremony, the wedding band must be registered on the inmate property card.

1.7.2 The value of the ring must comply with personal property regulations.

1.8 The inmate may have one outside witness who is an approved visitor or another appropriate inmate housed at the same institution/facility.

- No inmate witnesses are allowed at ESP.

1.9 The outside party may have one outside visitor who does/does not have to be an approved visitor.

1.10 Marriage under authority of this regulation does not represent automatic approval of visitors for the married parties.

1.11 If children are present they must be related to one of the parties.

1.12 Inmates will be allowed to marry other inmates.

1.13 The Department will regulate the time and circumstances under which the marriage ceremony takes place.

1.14 The Department will charge the inmates for any cost it incurs in facilitating a marriage between inmates.

- These costs will be calculated in advance.
- These costs will be paid for in advance.

1.1.5 Security concerns may require placing reasonable restrictions on these marriages.

1.15.1 These concerns must be specific rather than general. For example, a denial of a marriage request because an inmate is in segregated housing is not sufficient reason to deny a marriage request.

## REFERENCES

ACA Standard 3-4442

## ATTACHMENTS

NDOC Custody Coverage (effective 7/1/00)

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Jackie Crawford, Director

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Date

**CONFIDENTIAL**

        
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**THIS PROCEDURE SUPERSEDES ALL PRIOR WRITTEN PROCEDURES ON THIS SPECIFIC SUBJECT.**